

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 14, as follows:

During the transmission of a confidential message, a packet containing just an alert without the body of the message could be sent to the device indicating the importance of the message. That is, the alert may indicate various levels of importance associated with a particular message such as, for example, "urgent" or "for your information." The user could then request the message ~~context~~ content at a more appropriate time, and possibly in a more appropriate environment.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 13, as follows:

The user's current state or context is maintained by an awareness or context service and could also influence message transcoding performed in step 308 of FIG. 3B. If the user is in a public setting, the system is capable of choosing to transcode a message in one way whereas if the user is in a private setting, the system chooses to transcode the message in a different way. For example, the system chooses not to display a message marked confidential in a public area and instead chooses to transcode the message to audio for playback over a cellular phone. If no other means of notification is possible, the system simply tells the recipient that a confidential message has arrived (providing an indication of the sender) and gives the user the option of displaying the message or not. Similarly, if the user is currently in a meeting, the system chooses different ring tones to indicate who the caller is or the importance of the arriving message to the recipient so that the user can better decide whether or not to take the phone call.